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What is claimed is:

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1. A communication system for a mobile platform, the mobile platform being stationary at a docking area, the communication system comprising:
 - a wireless docking area transceiver;
 - a wireless platform transceiver; and
 - a storage unit, the storage unit being located on the mobile platform, the wireless docking area transceiver providing video data to the wireless platform transceiver while the mobile platform is at the docking area, wherein the storage unit stores the video data for playback in the mobile platform.
 2. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the video data includes Internet data, safety message data, advertisement data or entertainment data.
 3. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the mobile platform is a bus, truck, boat, ship, airplane, helicopter, car, train, gondola, van, or monorail vehicle.
 4. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the wireless docking transceiver is a short range transceiver.
 5. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the wireless platform transceiver is a short range transceiver.
 6. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the mobile platform is an airplane.
 7. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the mobile platform is a boat, ship or train.
 8. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the mobile platform is a road traveling vehicle.
 9. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the video data includes Internet data.

10. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the video data includes safety message data.

11. The communication system of claim 1, wherein the video data includes entertainment data and advertisement data.

12. A video system for a mobile platform, the mobile platform capable of traveling to a docking area, the docking area having a first transceiver for providing data representative of video, the video system comprising:

a short range transceiver configured to receive the data;

a storage unit coupled to the short range transceiver, the short range transceiver storing the data; and

a processor coupled to the storage unit, the processor generating the video in response to the data stored in the storage unit.

13. A communication system for a mobile platform, comprising:

a wireless docking area transceiver;

a first means for transmitting data, at least a portion of the data including video data, the first means being located at a gate area;

second means for receiving the data, the second means being located at the mobile platform; and

third means for storing the data received by the second means, the third means being located at the mobile platform.

14. The communication system of claim 13, wherein the mobile platform is an aircraft.

15. The communication system of claim 13, wherein the mobile platform video data is safety information.

16. The communication system of claim 13, wherein the second means transmits mobile platform operational data to the first means.

17. A method of showing video images related to video data on a mobile platform, the mobile platform capable of traveling to a location, the location having a transmitter, the method comprising:

electronically receiving the video data from the transmitter with a receiver while the mobile platform is proximate the location;
storing the video data on-board the mobile platform; and
displaying the video images on-board the mobile platform in accordance with the video data stored on-board the mobile platform.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the video data includes Internet data, safety message data, advertising data, or entertainment data.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the mobile platform is a bus, truck, boat, ship, airplane, helicopter, car, train, gondola, van, or monorail vehicle.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein the electronically receiving step utilizes a short range wireless receiver.

21. The method of claim 17, further comprising transmitting control information to the transmitter.

22. The method of claim 17, wherein the mobile platform is an airplane.

23. The method of claim 17, wherein the mobile platform is a boat, ship or train.

24. The method of claim 17, wherein the mobile platform is a road traveling vehicle.

25. The method of claim 17, wherein the video data includes Internet data.

26. The method of claim 17, wherein the video data includes safety message data.

27. The method of claim 17, wherein the video data includes advertisement data.

28. The method of claim 21, wherein the control information includes identity information.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the control information includes destination information.

30. The method of claim 21, wherein the control information includes operational status information.

31. A communication system for a mobile platform, the mobile platform being stationary at a docking area, the communication system comprising:

a wireless docking area transmitter;

a wireless platform receiver unit; and

a storage unit, the storage unit being located on the mobile platform, the wireless docking area transmitter providing order wire data to the wireless platform receiver unit, wherein the storage unit stores the order wire data, wherein video is provided on the mobile platform in accordance with the order wire data.

32. The communication system of claim 31, wherein the order wire data schedules video related to safety message data, or entertainment data.

33. The communication system of claim 31, wherein the mobile platform is a bus, truck, boat, ship, airplane, helicopter, car, train, gondola, van, or monorail vehicle.

34. The communication system of claim 31, wherein the wireless docking transmitter is a short range transmitter.

35. The communication system of claim 31, wherein the wireless platform receiver unit includes a short range receiver and a satellite receiver and the order wire controls a source of the video, the source being the storage unit or a satellite, or both the satellite and the storage unit.

36. The communication system of claim 31, wherein the mobile platform is an airplane.

37. The communication system of claim 31, wherein the order wire data controls programs for the video associated with a destination of the platform. 38. The communication system of claim 33, wherein the order wire data controls immigration messages for the platform, commercials for the platform, or safety messages for the platform.